

CITY FIRE LOSS \$231,180 DURING YEAR JUST PAST

Increase of \$61,886 Over
1917 Due to One Fire.

An increase of \$61,886 in property loss from fire in Oklahoma City in 1918 over that of 1917 was due wholly to the big fire in the P. & O. Flour company plant, in November, according to the annual report of F. D. Miller, secretary to Chief Ross M. Brooks.

There were three heavy losses from fire during the year: Nunn Electric company, \$51,000; Emerson school, \$31,817; and P. & O. Flour company, \$89,900. The total loss for 1918, on buildings and contents, was \$231,180, while that of 1917 was \$169,314.

Measuring distance at twelve blocks to the mile, the fire department traveled 1,091 miles in answering 734 calls. Of these, 385 were actual fire alarms. The greatest number of calls came from grass fires, 138; rubbish, 110; residences, 131; public buildings, 91; autos, 25; hotels, 12; rooming houses, 8; junk yards, 1. Of these, 671 came by telephone, 56 through fire alarm boxes, and 27 verbally. In 1917 there were 808 calls.

The total number of sick cases among firemen since last July was 69. Ten, H. G. Dunn and O. D. Oswald, died. Twelve firemen were injured while on duty.

Record Considered Good.

Miller explains that considering the increased population, the addition of new industries, and congestion owing to industries working to full capacity, the increase in fire loss this year can be compared favorably with last year's losses, especially in view of the fire department's being handicapped by

Noted General Takes Air Job



Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher.

The appointment of Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher as director of the air service, succeeding John D. Ryan, was announced recently by Gen. Peyton C. March, General Manager, commanding the "forty-second division," in France. General Menoher is home for home to take up his new duties.

shortage of water on different occasions. Many experienced firemen also returned to take higher salaries and to enlist in the army and navy.

NEW WAR STAMP MAY BE USED TO REDEEM PLEDGES

Additional Month Given to
Pay Up Stamp Promises.

The passing of 1918 does not cancel War Savings stamp pledges made last year and supposed to be paid by December 31. It was announced this morning at the War Savings bank, thirty days additional time in which to pay the pledges has been given, and all who made pledges are expected to redeem them at that time.

The purchase of 1919 stamps will count on the 1918 pledge. The new stamps, which are smaller, blue instead of green, and bear Benjamin Franklin's picture instead of George Washington, carry the same 4 percent interest, compounded quarterly, but do not come due until January 1, 1924. The stamps will for \$4.42 during the month of January, and increase a cent a month until December, when they will cost \$4.24. Stamps of 1919 should not be used to 1918 certificates, however, but should be put on the regular 1919 tabular.

No change has been made in the design of the 1918 stamps. Thirty stamps of 1918 can be exchanged for War Savings stamps of 1919 by presenting the filled front card and

ing the difference between the value of the stamps and the current price of the War Savings stamps.

Sunset Division To Return Soon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Practically the entire forty-first division (Sunset) was included in a list of units scheduled today by the war department to be sent to France. The list shows the headquarters and headquarters troops of the forty-first, the 141st regiment complete, 164th complete, 164th com-

plete and 162nd, less second battalion. In all more than 900 officers and 16,000 men of the Sunset division comprising troops from Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, were ordered home. Other units of the division are the 181st and 182nd infantry brigades headquarters, 144th, 145th and 146th machine gun battalions, 116th ammunition train, 116th supply train, 116th sanitary train and 144th ambulance train. Today's list also includes the sixth, 191st, 194th, 207th trench mortar batteries, 81st water tank train and 142nd aerodrome.

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